

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 7, 9 and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A status information sharing system for managing status information of ~~users who operate user terminal devices~~ a user's action which the user's operating user terminal device respectively performs, comprising:

a recognition unit that recognizes a presence or absence of a user at ~~one of~~ the user terminal device[[s]];

a search unit that searches schedule information of registered users;

a determination unit that determines whether last status information of the user's action is to be extended or not, in accordance with both the recognition of the presence or absence of the user and the searched schedule information;

a generation unit ~~that generates change information based on the result of the determination unit~~ that extends the last status information of the user's action as current status information of the user's action in a case where the determination unit determines that the searched current schedule information is unoccupied and the user is absent; and

an update unit that updates status information of the user's action on the basis of the ~~generated change~~ information generated by the generation unit.

2. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said search unit searches the schedule information of the users for the last and present schedule information.

3. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said search unit searches the schedule information of the users for next schedules.

4. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said search unit searches the schedule information of the users for past schedules.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a count unit that counts the duration of a predetermined status if the presence or absence of the user is said predetermined status,

wherein said generation unit generates the ~~change~~ information of the user's status ~~information~~ on the basis of the duration counted by said count unit if no schedule information exists.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A server device for communicating with user terminal devices, comprising:

an obtaining unit that obtains a presence or absence of a user from one of the user terminal devices;

a search unit that searches schedule information of registered users;

a determination unit that determines whether last status information of the user's action is to be extended or not, in accordance with both the presence or absence of the user and the searched schedule information;

a generation unit ~~that generates change information based on the result of the determination unit~~ that extends the last status information of the user's action as current status information of the user's action in a case where the determination unit determines that the searched current schedule information is unoccupied and the user is absent; and

an update unit that updates the status information of the user's action on the basis of the ~~generated change~~ information generated by the generation unit.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A control method for controlling a server device for communicating with user terminal devices, comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining a presence or absence of a user from one of the user terminal devices;

a search step of searching schedule information of registered users;

a determination step of determining whether last status information of the user's action is to be extended or not, in accordance with both the presence or absence of the user and the searched schedule information;

a generation step of ~~generating change information based on the result of the determination step~~ extending the last status information of the user's action as current status information of the user's action in a case where the determination step determines that the searched current schedule information is unoccupied and the user is absent; and

an update step of updating status information of the user's action on the basis of the ~~generated change~~ information generated by the generation step.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing a computer executable program for controlling a server device for communicating with user terminal devices, the program comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining a presence or absence of a user from one of the user terminal devices;

a search step of searching schedule information of registered users;

a determination step of determining whether last status information of the user's action is to be extended or not, in accordance with both the presence or absence of the user and the searched schedule information;

a generation step of ~~generating change information based on the result of the determination step~~ extending the last status information of the user's action as current

status information of the user's action in a case where the determination step determines that the searched current schedule information is unoccupied and the user is absent; and
an update step of updating status information of the user's action on the basis of the ~~generated change~~ information generated in the generating step.

13. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, further comprising:
a transmission unit that transmits the updated status information to said one of the user terminal devices.

14. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein said recognition unit recognizes the presence or absence of the user based on a status of input from an input device connected to said ~~one of the~~ user terminal device[[s]] or an image taken by an image device connected to said ~~one of the~~ user terminal device[[s]].